

NEW BODY INQUIRY BEGAN AT BRISTOL.

Four Members of the Former
Cadet's Family Testified Before
Congressional Committee.

THREE SESSIONS DURING DAY.

Investigation Resumed at Philadel-
phia Last Night, Where Physi-
cians and Other Witnesses
Were Examined.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—The House con-
gressional committee, which was re-
appointed by Speaker Henderson for the
purpose of making inquiry into the cause
of the death of Oscar Ross at West Point
and to investigate the military academy
last night, began its work at 7 o'clock
this morning. Three sessions were held,
covering a period of nine hours in the
morning and afternoon.

The committee, which consists of
Charles Dick of Ohio, chairman; K. H.
Driggs of New York, Irving P. Wanger of
Pennsylvania, R. T. Clayton of New York
and W. L. Smith of Iowa, went to Bristol,
the home of the Ross family, this morning
and heard the testimony of four mem-
bers of that family.

In the afternoon four physicians "who
attended Oscar Ross were heard, and to-
night, in Philadelphia, two more physi-
cians and two other witnesses were given
an opportunity to tell what they know of
the case.

Throat Experts Testify.

Most of the evidence adduced has already
been brought out by the military board of
inquiry appointed by the War Department.
Probably the most important point learned
was the fact that one of the physicians has
attended Oscar Ross for acute tonsillitis
previous to his going to West Point.

The administration of Tobacco sauce, it
was testified by a throat expert, was suffi-
cient to cause an abscess of the throat
part of the larynx which would have made
Ross less able to resist tuberculosis germs.

A physician who examined the cadet prior
to his entrance into West Point, testified
that his lung expansion was not normal
and that he was not what might be termed
a good specimen of physical manhood.

A great mass of medical testimony was heard
in relation to Ross's general physical con-
dition.

The congressional committee will again go
to Bristol to-morrow morning to hear other
witnesses, and later in the day will sit in
this city.

Ex-Major Broth of Alabama, Pa., whose
son, it is alleged, died from an abscess of
the throat, testified that he had been
directly to the fact that Oscar Ross had
been given Tobacco sauce.

Mr. Ross said Oscar did not complain
of "sagging," but spoke more of the fact and
the tobacco sauce incident. Oscar told him
he had black and blue marks on his body
as a result of his encounter with an upper-
classman. Oscar reluctantly told his father
that the tobacco sauce had been poured down
his throat three times, and that force was
used.

"Mr. Ross," asked Congressman Wagner,
"was your son absolutely truthful?"

"Yes, sir, absolutely," was the reply.
"Oscar said he was getting along very well
until he received a heart blow which
knocked him out."

Oscar, the father said, never had any
throat or pulmonary trouble previous to
going to West Point. Oscar's eyes did not
trouble him before he went to the academy.

"Do you believe that Oscar had the result
of having at West Point?" Mr. Ross
asked.

"I firmly do," he replied.

Mrs. Sarah E. Ross, mother of Oscar, said
her son was in perfect health when he
went to the academy, but when he left he
suffered in health and never was in good
physical condition after that time.

Mrs. Ross said Oscar had been in good
health when he went to West Point.

Miss Nellie Ross said her brother, Oscar,
had told her he had received at West Point
for \$100.00.

NEW VERSION OF EUGENE ARAM
Walker Whiteside Presented the
Dramatization at Omaha.

PETTIGREW RESENTS PRESIDENT'S REFUSAL

Asks Senate to Condemn Secretary
of War for Declining to Give
Up Lawshe's Report.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Senator Pettigrew
today introduced the following resolution
in the Senate:

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UNITED STATES MAY USE FORCE AGAINST VENEZUELA.

If That Country Attempts to Forcibly Dispossess Americans
With Asphalt Lake Concessions, It Is Expected That
United States Will Interfere at Once.

WASHINGTON SPECIAL.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Apprehension is felt
in official circles that the controversy
which has arisen over asphalt lake con-
cessions in Venezuela may require forcible
intervention by the United States.

According to the highest authorities, the
President has no intention of interfering
between the rival American claimants to
the concessions, but he does not intend to
permit the Venezuelan Government to gain
a concession given in good faith to
American citizens and forcibly dispossess
the concessionaires of their property un-
til a judicial decision has been rendered in
their favor.

Under the instructions given to Mr.
Minister Loomis is urging the Caracas
Government not to attempt to dispossess
the concessionaires of their property un-
til the Supreme Court of Venezuela has
passed upon pending lawsuits which in-
volve the question in dispute, but the
official information received in Wash-
ington indicates that the Venezuelan Gov-
ernment insists that it has the right to dis-
possess the New York and Bermudez com-
pany and is taking measures to do so.

Employees of the New York and Bermudez
company, most of whom are American,
are armed and will resist dispossession
by force. In case of an armed conflict,
the United States will have to act, and it is
in anticipation of this contingency that three
warships were ordered to La Guayra.
The authorities are hopeful, however, that the
matter will be amicably arranged and are
working energetically to this end.

Great pressure has been brought on the
President and Secretary of State to influ-
ence the administration to interfere in the
interest of one or the other of the com-
panies. Senator Dewey made representations
to the State Department in behalf of the
Warner syndicate, which claims a share
in the concession held by the New York
and Bermudez company.

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SCORGE SPREADS IN MINNESOTA AND IOWA.

Smallpox Found in Many Counties
and in Some Localities Condi-
tions Are Serious.

ONE MAN SHOT AT QUARANTINE. ASSEMBLY DOWN TO WORK.

Outbreak in Southern Iowa Village
Makes Inhabitants Scatter in
Every Direction and Great
Alarm Exists.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 4.—According to the
report of Secretary Bracken of the State
Board of Health, smallpox exists in mild
form in thirty-three of the eighty-two coun-
ties of the State, but, with the exception
of a few localities, the condition is not such
as to cause fear.

In the timber woods the situation is dif-
ferent. The men there are for removal
from medical aid, and the disposition is to
postpone the calling of a professional physi-
cian until the latest moment. The State
Board of Health has impressed on the lum-
bermen and local boards of health the
necessity of keeping a close watch on the
camps, and in pursuance of this order, John
Sanborn was shot on Wednesday while
trying to break through the quarantine lines
in Sports.

Officers in charge of the Railway Mail Ser-
vice for this division have received instruc-
tions not to receive mail from certain post
offices, chiefly Grand Haven, Wis., and
Smith Lake, Minn., and every effort is be-
ing made to prevent the spread of the mal-
ady.

The cases in quarantine, outside of St.
Paul, Minneapolis, St. Louis County and
other localities, are of the mild type, and
of a character to excite alarm in the nature
of a scare. The disease in Wisconsin was
confined to the Polish quarter, and has run
its course like a fire through a shanty
camp.

According to reports from Ottumwa, Ia.,
the central and southern portions of Iowa
are suffering with the disease. Ottumwa
has exposed to smallpox, now prevailing in
Lost Creek, a mining camp, fifteen miles
west of Ottumwa. The disease is mild, but
a strict quarantine was established to-day.
The population of Lost Creek is about 50,
principally negroes, and the citizens are
fleeing from the place. Ottumwa is receiv-
ing a large number of negroes, and the
authorities there look for a visit from the
scorger. Genuine alarm exists throughout
Southern Iowa, and especially in the mining
camps.

General Batchelder, a former Quartermaster of the Army
From 1890 to 1896—His Dis-
tinguished Record.

Washington, Jan. 4.—General Batchelder,
a former Quartermaster General of the
army, died here this afternoon at 2:25
o'clock.

General Batchelder had been in delicate
health for several years past, but his illness
did not assume a critical phase until just
before the holidays, when he suffered from
an attack of angina pectoris.

Interment will be made at Arlington Cer-
metary Monday, after services in All Souls'
Unitarian Church.

General Batchelder served with distinc-
tion during the war and was awarded a
médal of honor for "most distinguished
gallantry in action against Mosby's guer-
rilla."

He received the brevet ranks of Major
Lieutenant Colonel, Colonel and Brigadier
General of Volunteers, the latter brevet
being awarded on March 18, 1865, for
valiant and meritorious services during
the war.

In 1890 he was promoted to Brigadier
General in the regular army, and entered
upon his duties as Quartermaster of the
Army, the 1st of 1890.

General Batchelder was considerably
suffering from the effects of the war, and
was in the hospital for some time. He
was discharged from the army in 1896, and
since that time he has been engaged in
civilian life.

He was born in New York, and was
educated at West Point. He was married
in 1862, and has three children. He was
a member of the United States Army, and
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